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7 EMIL LAWRENCE,
8 Plaintiff,
9 v.
10 CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN
11 FRANCISCO, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. [14-cv-00820-MEJ](#)

ORDER RE: DISCOVERY DEADLINE

Re: Dkt. No. 66

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13 On October 20, 2015, Plaintiff Emil Lawrence filed a motion to reopen discovery to: (1)
14 seek unredacted versions of documents Defendant already produced, arguing they were not
15 properly redacted in the first place; (2) seek documents he contends Defendant improperly
16 withheld from production; and (3) allow him to take the deposition of three witnesses: officers
17 Bonnel, Peters, and Enea. Dkt. No. 66. On July 31, 2015, this Court appointed counsel to
18 represent Plaintiff, who prior to that date was an unrepresented litigant. Dkt. No. 55. After
19 reviewing Plaintiff's discovery requests and Defendant's responses, Plaintiff's "counsel concluded
20 that City's responses and production did not comply with its discovery obligations and that
21 Lawrence had not completed discovery necessary to prepare for trial or to productively participate
22 in settlement discussions." White Decl. ¶¶ 6-8 & Ex. A, Dkt. No. 66-1. Under the Court's Case
23 Management Order, discovery closed on February 10, 2015. Dkt. No. 19.

24 Having reviewed Plaintiff's motion, the Court finds good cause may exist to reopen
25 discovery, as it will benefit both the parties' settlement negotiations and, if negotiations are
26 unsuccessful, resolution of this case on the merits. Accordingly, the Court ORDERS the parties to
27 meet in confer in person to determine whether they can stipulate to reopening discovery on
28 grounds that are beneficial to both parties. If unable to agree to a stipulation, the parties shall file

1 a joint letter in compliance with the undersigned's Discovery Standing Order. As any briefing on
2 this issue will be by joint letter rather than motion, the Court DENIES Plaintiff's Motion
3 WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

4 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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6 Dated: October 21, 2015

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MARIA-ELENA JAMES
United States Magistrate Judge